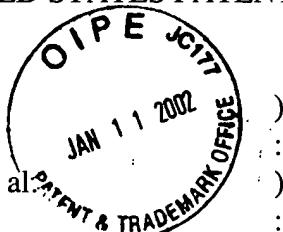


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APPARATUS, COORDINATE :  
INPUT-OUTPUT UNIT, AND )  
COORDINATE PLATE :  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

JP 50-53715, JP 5-289806, JP 5-80921, JP 50-53717, JP 50-66877, JP 61-262832, JP 61-296422, cited in the enclosed Form PTO-1449, are cited in the specification and are relevant for the reasons noted therein. The documents are discussed in the specification as follows:

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JP 50-53715	2
JP 5-289806	2
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JP 50-53717	2
JP 50-66877	2
JP 61-262832	5 and 9
JP 61-296421	6 and 9
JP 61-296422	6 and 9

In addition, Applicants have obtained, from a commercial database, English language abstracts for JP 50-53715, JP 5-289806, JP 5-80921, JP 50-53717, JP 50-66877, JP 61-262832, JP 61-296421, and JP 61-296422. Copies of the abstracts are enclosed for the Examiner's convenience and listed on the Form PTO-1449.

U.S. Patent No. 5,392,058 is the English counterpart to JP 5-80921.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:

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In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the cited U.S. application is enclosed.

#### FORMAL MATTERS

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Official Action on the merits of the subject application has not yet been issued, neither a certificate, petition nor payment of a fee is believed to be required for this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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